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Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 60 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

# Welcome to Worship

## Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, 

full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love

#### All Amen

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,

*All* in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children,

the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses,

and cleanse us from proud thoughts

and empty desires.

By your grace draw us near to you,

our refuge and our strength;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our heart through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

## All Amen.



CCLI Song #2430948 1998 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire) For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use. All rights Reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License #1924512 Greeting

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.
- All Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Proverbs, the 25th chapter

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Proverbs 25:6-7

- L The word of the Lord
- All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Hebrews, the 13th chapter

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who

are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

#### L The word of the Lord

### All Thanks be to God!



#### Please stand in body or spirit.



# Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez



# Apostles' Creed

- P Let us join together with one voice confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be Seated

# Prayers of Intercession

- L Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.
  - Lord make us whole:

    Peace to all people, hope for each soul.

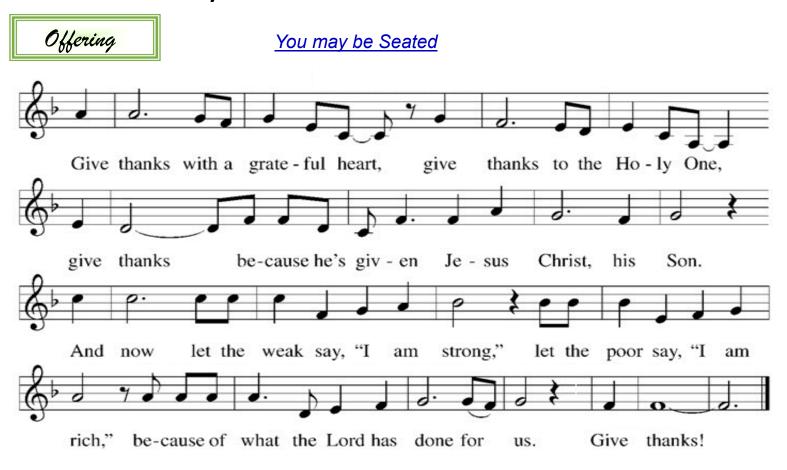
    God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

L: Merciful God, All: receive our prayer.

# Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

## All And also with you.



Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

All Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

#### Please stand in body or spirit.

- P The Lord be with you
- All And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- All We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

# The Lord's Prayer

- P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:
- All
  Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
  thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
  Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
  as we forgive those who trespass against us;
  and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
  For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
  forever and ever. Amen.

### The Invitation

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant



Communion Songs

You may be Seated

We Come to the Hungry Feast



- 1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of p 2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re - l
- 2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re leased 3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun-ger cease,



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de - nied. We not come to the hun - gry feast. come, we mind. We the feast. poor in come to hun - gry come, we with us: still the feast. hun - gry we come, we come to

## Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### All Amen

- P Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.
- All Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

# Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Go out into God's world as those born of water and Spirit.

Go as those inspired and excited to know that

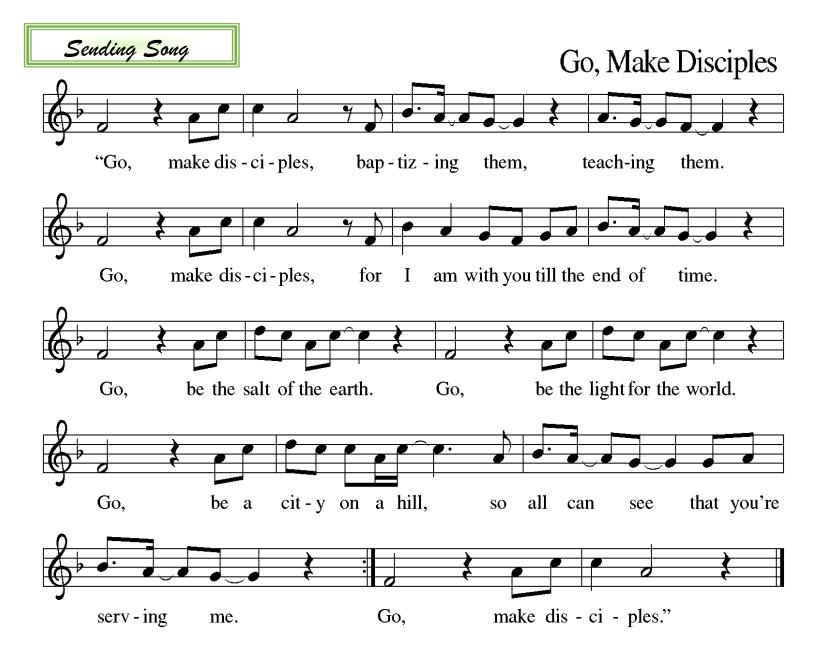
"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world".

No, in fact, our God sent Jesus into the world so that the world might be saved through him.

Go as those living in the mystery of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Go knowing you are loved + and are called to love each other.

## All Amen.



## Dismissal

P Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-1

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

#### All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> First Reading:

Psalm:

**Second Reading:** 

Gospel:

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